oral health care has been initiated in some States in the country;

(b) what are the details of this pilot project and the names of States which will get the benefit of this programme;

(c) whether this programme is likely to be extended in other States;

(d) if so, the criteria adopted for selection of areas/States; and

(e) by when such a project is likely to be sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pilot Project on comprehensive Oral Health Care was launched on 13.7.1995. The main emphasis in this Pilot Project is on preventive care by the community through self-care measures focussing on use of flourides, reduction in sugar consumption and smoking and improved oral cleanliness. The Project is being implemented in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Delhi and Rajasthan.

(c) to (e) The project is being implemented in the States mentioned in answer to part (b) of the Question on a pilot basis and is to be extended to other States in the country in a phased manner subject to the availability of funds.

Miserable Condition of Delhi based Hospitals

370. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 19-1-97 regarding miserable condition of Delhi hospitals;

(b) if so, whether Government was aware of all these irregalarities and shortcomings reported and also about the life saving machines and equipments being out of order for several months;

(c) whether doctors, specialists in particular diseases are not available and the poor patients are [illegible]

(d) whether sanitation conditions of the hospitals are worst; and

(e) what steps are being taken to remove the said shortcomings and irregularities in the Delhi based hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news item relates to Safdarjang Hospital. The CT Scan machine in this hospital has been repaired and is in working order and other life saving equipments have either been repaired or the process for repair is underway, which is an ongoing process. The matter has been reviewed recently and the guidelines issued are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) At times specialists, doctors in particular diseases are not available in the hospital however, such patients are taken care of by making alternative arrangements.

(d) Every effort is made by the hospital authorities to see that sanitary conditions in the hospital are maintained at an optium level. Special weekly meetings are held with the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) to ensure safe and clean environment in the hospital.

(e) The functioning of Central Government hospitals is reviewed periodically by the Dte. G.H.S./Ministry and by the Medical and Public Health Department of the Government of NCT of Delhi in respect of hospitals under their control and action is taken to remove the short comings noticed.

Statement

Guidelines Referred to in Reply to Part (a) of the Unstarred Question No 370 Dated 25-2-1997.

No. C. 13019/15/95-MH(i)

Directorate Genetal of Health Services

(M.H. Section)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

Dated 24th Jan., 1997.

To

1. The Medical Supdt.
   Dr. R.M.L. Hospital
   New Delhi.

2. The Medical Supdt.
Safdarjung Hospital,
New Delhi.

3. The Principal & Med. Supdt.
LHMC & Assoc, Hospital,
New Delhi.

4. The Director
All India Instt. of
Medical Sciences,
New Delhi.

5. The Director,
J.I.P.M.E.R.,
Pondicherry,

6. The Director,
P.G.I.M.E.R.,
Chandigarh.

Sub : Proper functioning of CAT Scan, Ultrasound and other costly equipment in the hospitals.

Sir,

This refers to the report regarding the under utilisation of the services of costly equipments like CT SCAN, Ultrasound, etc. installed in various hospitals.

In view of the above, it is requested that following additional measures may kindly be implemented in the hospital.

1. Review carefully the cases of excessive down-time of the equipments to ensure that the remedial action is taken by the respective HODs and other officials of the hospitals. The Medical Superintendent should fix the responsibility for proper supervision at each level and review the cases on a weekly basis.

2. Pin-down the responsibility of services conditions by various companies and take appropriate action if they fail to perform their dates due to negligence or apathy. Whereever required, necessary action in the consumer courts should also be considered.

3. The feasibility of off-loading the expensive equipments on a turn-key basis to private contractors on terms and conditions acceptable to Government may also be considered in cases where it is found that it is not possible to draw sufficient levels of performance from the existing staff.

4. Wherever necessary, out side experts from other hospitals/institution can be called to check out whether the down-time of equipments was due to problems like non-stocking of spares or due to misuse of equipments by improper handling.

5. A list of costly and vital equipments should be prepared and an effective monitoring system created so that 'down-time' of these equipments is minimised. Simultaneously, it is also necessary to have a check done on the down-time and losses, if any, incurred by excessive periods of non-use of equipment and a proper record of it should be maintained.

6. While finalising the maintenance contracts for the costly equipments, it is advisable to have constitution with other equipments, Govt. Hospitals using similar equipments, so that uniformity in rates, terms and conditions, performance standards, etc. can be achieved.

7. The Directorate/Ministry of Health may be kept informed of any unusual delay in putting these equipments operational for one reason or the other alongwith steps taken in a chronological order.

Yours faithfully,

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DY. DIRECTOR GENERAL (M.)

Copy to:-

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Mrs. Sunila Basant, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & F.W., Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, for information & advice.

Surveillance Team to Detect Health Problems

371. SHRI YERA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for establishing a surveillance team to detect various health problems and diseases which kill a large number of innocent people;

(b) the details of the surveillance team and objectives;